additional wage employment, durable assets and infrastructure and an increase in the number of mandays generated with the available resources;

(b) if so, whether for the current year, allocation under the Scheme is Rs. 4,125 crores and 50 lakh tonnes of foodgrains.

(c) if so, how much has been released up-till now for States; and

(d) by when remaining amount and foodgrains are to be released to States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The 1 st instalment amounting to Rs. 2186 crores of cash component and 26.48 lakh tonnes of foodgrains for the current year have been released to 518 districts and 520 districts, till date, under Stream-I and Stream-ll of the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) respectively. The 1 st instalment to the remaining districts will be released as and when they fulfill the conditions as prescribed in the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) Guidelines and 2nd instalment of funds and foodgrains will be released as and when complete proposal after utilizing 50% of the available cash component and 60% of foodgrains is received by the Ministry.

National policy on voluntary sector

1891. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT e pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a national policy on the voluntary sector to provide and enabling environment to strengthen voluntary action especially in areas of rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps to be proposed by Government to strengthen the relationship between Institutions of local self-Government and voluntary Organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) As per the information given by the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission is formulating a national policy on the voluntary sector to provide an enabling environment to strengthen voluntary actions in development efforts. A joint Machinery has been constituted by the Planning Commission to operationalise and the voluntary organizations.

(d) To strengthen the relationship between Institutions of local Self-Governance and voluntary Organisations the Ministry of Rural Development has issued letters to the States emphasizing that PRI-NGO relationship should be such that they complement each others efforts.

Credit assistance for self-employment in Tamil Nadu

1892. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the credit assistance provided by the nationalised banks for self employment Programme in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government have detected any shortcomings in the implementation of these programmes;

(c) whether Government have received any complaint from the State Government in this connection; and

(d) if so, steps taken or are being taken by the Government to rectify the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) During the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 an amount of Rs. 1402.27 lakh, Rs. 4096.88 lakh and Rs. 3239.60 lakh respectively were disbursed as credit assistance by banks to Swarozgaris in Tamil Nadu under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY).

(b) No, Sir. The Ministry has not detected any shortcomings in the implementation of the Scheme in Tamil Nadu, (d) Does not arise.

Proposals received from states under Swajaldhara Scheme

†1893. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes/proposals and their cost under 'Swajaldhara' programme from Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh forwarded for approval of Central Government;

(b) the reasons for delay in approving these scheme; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for these schemes along with the amount provided by the Central Government together with the state-wise details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.